

U.S. Foreign Assistance FY1946 to Present

The "U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants", informally known as the "Greenbook", is an annual report submitted to Congress required by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. The report summarizes United States Government (USG) foreign assistance data from 1945 to the present on a country by country basis. It is the official record of the level and geographic distribution of U.S. foreign assistance.

Foreign assistance includes loans, contracts, and grants (excluding debt forgiveness), and is categorized in the Greenbook as either economic assistance or military assistance.

U.S. METHODOLOGY:

Data Collection:

The data reported in the Greenbook are submitted to USAID's Analysis, Data, Visualization and Information Services (ADVISE) team by all U.S. Government Agencies, Departments and Offices that fund or implement foreign assistance. Data collection begins in January, for data from the previous fiscal and calendar year. Since 2012, per [OMB Bulletin b12-01](#), the Office of Management and Budget is responsible for the formal solicitation to agencies and offices that are involved in foreign assistance activities.

Data Processing:

U.S. Foreign assistance data are typically submitted in a standard Excel template. The data are processed, converted, and stored in a common format in USAID's Foreign Assistance Database (FADB). U.S. Government Agencies, Departments and Offices have their own conventions for the names of countries and channels of aid delivery (implementing partners). Those names are mapped to a standard within the FADB.

Data Accuracy Verification:

When processing the data received from a U.S. Government submitter, ADVISE staff members check the processed obligation and disbursement amounts against spending from past years and the raw data received from the U.S. Government agency or office. Figures are checked to ensure there are no duplicates within submissions and that no records are missing required values. Figures are also checked against the federal budget and the Department of Treasury's *Monthly Treasury Statement*. Where alternative sources of obligation and disbursement amounts, such as the ForeignAssistance.gov website, are available, ADVISE Staff conduct an assessment of the alternate source. ADVISE staff also review U.S. foreign aid reported across agencies, to ensure that there is no double-counting of funds that are transferred from one agency to another.

Once the ADVISE staff complete the data collection, submission, and verification processes, these data are used to generate the Greenbook. The Greenbook report is produced in accordance with the methodology defined in the "Reporting Concepts" section of the report.

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